

fast, that the crown fire did not occur, but you could see where the trees were bent and the needles on the tree were all pointing in the direction of the wind.

The fire spread out throughout and then hit those homes, and then the homes went up in fire, over 3 dozen homes.

Fighting efforts were aided by the work of homeowners. These residents over time had personally cleared fuel, like small trees and underbrush, from their home. They followed fire-wise community planning.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I thank all of the brave men and women who worked to contain this fire.

I would advise anybody to look into this more to understand the difficult conditions that they have to work in: 18 hours, 19 hours, 20 hours on the line, going back to pup tents to sleep for a few hours, and then going back out into the field to save lives and save homes. Then after this fire, they will move right on to another one. That is, sadly, the condition of our forests in the West.

This fire and the prevention of loss of life and death from other destruction was to be accomplished only by professionals who did this in a way that brought honor to their service.

#### TENNESSEE FARMER OF THE YEAR, JOHN VERELL, III

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Verell, III, of Madison County, Tennessee.

Johnny, as he is better known to his friends, was named Farmer of the Year by the University of Tennessee.

Johnny is a third generation farmer who began farming in 2005, 40 years after his grandfather started the family business.

Farmers from across the State were nominated for the honor by their county extension agents. Johnny's commitment to land stewardship, community service, and savvy business tactics stood out among all other nominees.

The Verells' farm is over 5,000 acres of wheat, soybean, and corn. Johnny manages all the land for sustainability, including installing wildlife food plots, planting buffer strips along streams, and using best practices that reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticides applied to the crops.

He has even planted 20 acres designated as pollinator habitat to help native bee populations survive and thrive.

With the help of technology and precision agriculture, the Verells have been known to produce in excess of 300 bushels per acre.

That is the way things are done in west Tennessee.

Congratulations to Johnny, his wife, Crissy, and their daughter, Emmi.

#### MIGHT CANNOT MAKE WRONG RIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is always an honor to stand in the well of the House. I consider this an extraordinary privilege.

Mr. Speaker, there are seminal moments in time, moments in time that can impact the rest of time; seminal moments, sometimes where wrong is placed on the throne, where might is used to justify wrong; seminal moments in time, but, Mr. Speaker, might cannot make wrong right.

Might cannot make wrong right; it can only prolong wrong.

Seminal moments in time, where might is used to justify wrong.

Might did not make slavery right. There were those who used false religiosity to try to justify slavery. They had the might, they had the power, they could impose their will, but might will not make wrong right.

Might did not make segregation right, to force people to go to separate areas, to use a level of power to impose an indecency upon a people. Might can never make wrong right.

Mr. Speaker, might has not made invidious discrimination right. It still exists today. No matter how much power we have, we will not make it right simply because we have the power to try to justify it with the might that we have.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, might will not make bigotry emanating from the Presidency right. It will not.

There are many who want to just let it go, let it go, the bigotry, put it behind us.

Bigotry emanating from the Presidency impacts this country. It gives this country a stained image in the world.

The President represents this country. He represents every one of us. We may differ with him, but he is the standard-bearer. The bigotry that emanates from the Presidency is something that we all have to concern ourselves with. We can't just say it is all over with, let's let that go.

Yes, it has happened and it continues to happen, and might will not make it right.

He has power, but his power is not going to cause his invidious and harmful commentaries to become right.

I am here today to simply say this, Mr. Speaker, that while the President has the power, impeachment is the remedy.

A President who has said that there were some good people among those in Charlottesville; a President who would ban Muslims from the country; a President who has said LGBTQ persons shouldn't be in the military; a President who has called the sons of some professional athletes—called their mother's dogs, SOBs; a President who has said that in—

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee). The gentleman will suspend.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Pennsylvania seek recognition?

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this type of language is not allowed in the people's House, directing it towards the Presidency.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this type of language has been accepted on the floor of this House. People address language to the Presidency—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All Members will suspend.

Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

The gentleman may continue.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Presidency is about the people. It is about the people's House. And the people have a right to address this invidious discrimination emanating from the Presidency. I am not going to stand for it. Others may stand for it.

You know that there is bigotry emanating from the Presidency, yet you would not want me to stand here and address it. I will address it.

This President has exhibited a kind of bigotry that this country ought not tolerate.

When he said that there were some s--hole countries as he was addressing his immigration policy, he was putting his bigotry into policy. And that is something we all should concern ourselves with, the fact that the President's policies are based upon his bigotry.

Impeachment is the remedy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### AMERICAN SUGAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the American farmer.

Mr. Speaker, will this body recognize the heritage and culture, the sacrifice of American farmers, who for generations have provided for our country and our world.

I rise today in support of one of America's most important agricultural commodities that supports an industry which produces \$20 billion of domestic economic activity annually: sugar.

I have the honor of representing southwest Louisiana, where sugar contributes \$3.5 billion to our State economy annually and employs over 16,000 hardworking Louisiana citizens.

Mr. Speaker, these men and women have come into their lives embracing the heritage and hard work of their mothers, their fathers, their grandmothers, their grandfathers. For generations, by the toil of their labor and the sweat of their brow, they have tilled the soil and raised sugar.

The United States has historically been a reliable supplier of high-quality,